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SUBJECT: US FERROUS SCRAP EXPORTS

REF: A. BANGKOK 19568
B. STATE 244772
C. SYDNEY 2862
D. STATE 236397

1. DEPARTMENT'S REPLY (REF B) TO SYDNEY 2862, WHICH
INADVERTENTLY SENT ONLY TO SYDNEY, BEING REPEATED BANGKOK
AND CANBERRA.

2. AS NOTED REF B AND IN PARA 2 REF D, COMMERCE DEPARTMENT
PLANS TO ISSUE LETTERS OF ENTITLEMENT TO US SCRAP EXPORTERS
BASED ON THEIR PARTICIPATION IN INDIVIDUAL FOREIGN MARKETS
DURING THREE YEAR BASE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 1973. COMMERCE
NOW ANALYZING EXPORTER RECORDS TO DETERMINE ACTUAL ENTITLE-
MENTS. IF, AS INDICATED PARA 2 REF A, LEVIN METAL CORP WAS
ONLY US SCRAP EXPORTER TO THAILAND DURING BASE PERIOD, IT
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WOULD RECEIVE ENTITLEMENT TO FULL 14,800 TON COUNTRY

ALLOCATION FOR THAILAND FOR FIRST QUARTER 1974. LEVIN (AND ANY OTHER US EXPORTER(S) RECEIVING THAI ENTITLEMENTS) WOULD THEN BE FREE TO EXPORT AMOUNT OF ENTITLEMENT TO ANY THAI BUYER(S). WITHIN GIVEN COUNTRY, US EXPORTERS WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO SELL TO SAME BUYERS AS DURING BASE PERIOD, ALTHOUGH IT LIKELY THAT IN MANY CASES EXPORTERS WILL PROBABLY WISH TO MAINTAIN EXISTING BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS.

3. RE GSSC'S ESTIMATE THAT IT WILL REQUIRE 88,000 LONG TONS US FERROUS SCRAP IN 1974 (PARA 2 REF A), HARD FACT IS THAT NOT ONE OF OUR MAJOR FOREIGN SCRAP MARKETS WILL RECEIVE ALL OF THE FERROUS SCRAP IT FEELS IT WILL NEED DURING FIRST QUARTER 1974. FURTHER, AS NOTED IN STATE 243602, SMALL AMOUNT OF FIRST QUARTER CONTINGENCY RESERVE (100,000 SHORT TONS) AND EXTREMELY HEAVY (AND STILL GROWING) DEMANDS AGAINST IT MAKE IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT USG WILL BE ABLE TO MEET MORE THAN A FRACTION OF FOREIGN REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION.

4. GIVEN OUTLOOK FOR LIMITED SCRAP IMPORTS DURING FIRST QUARTER 1974, IT POSSIBLE THAT NUMBER OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS MAY DECIDE TO ALLOCATE LIMITED SUPPLIES AMONG DOMESTIC USERS. HOWEVER, THIS IS MATTER FOR INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS TO DECIDE. AS NOTED REF D, POST SHOULD NOT SUGGEST THAT GOT ESTABLISH SCRAP ALLOCATION SYSTEM.
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